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For: DEVICE FOR SECURING PAPERS, SHEETS OF MATERIAL,
CLOTH, ETC.

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PETITION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)

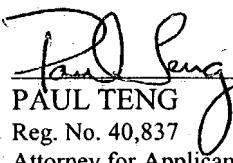
Sir:

Applicant, through the undersigned attorney, hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to make special the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.102(c) based upon the age of Applicant. Applicant is 71 years old at the time of filing of the above-identified application.

No fee is believed to be required for this petition. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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